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Profile

Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT), a registered trust, founded by concerned citizens, mobilises public opinion, increases public participation and activism towards promoting honesty, transparency and accountability in governance.

Vision

To strive for good governance, contain corruption, uphold and inculcate values and enhance Sadbhavna in the citizens.

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PCGT MODEL YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2025



Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Sujata V. Manohar (Chief Guest) (extreme right) being felicitated at the MYP Closing Ceremony by the Chairman, Trustee In-charge of PCGT and Faculty In-charge of MYP

The Seventh Annual Edition of the Model Youth Parliament (MYP) was organized by PCGT in collaboration with SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Mumbai (PGCL) in offline mode on August 23 and 24, 2025. More than 300 students from across the country participated in seven mock committees, making it the largest edition so far. The Closing Ceremony of the MYP took place at the Juhu Jagruti Hall, Mithibai Building, Vile Parle, and was graced by the presence of the Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Sujata V. Manohar (Former Judge, Supreme Court of India and the first woman to serve as a Judge and later Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court) as the Chief Guest, who addressed the students on "Inter-relationship between the Parliament & the Judiciary".

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EDITORIAL



A young girl, Ayma Sheikh, from Jhunjhunwala College, Ghatkopar, had filed an RTI which led her to write to the

High Court about corruption in the Municipal Corporation which, in turn, led to deficient standards of work by Municipal contractors which often leads to loss of lives due to pot holes and road accidents.

The High Court was moved by the young girl's civic consciousness and issued a notice to the B.M.C. after turning her letter into a PIL. The PCGT had held an RTI session in that College, but is not sure whether it was that session that motivated her. But what we can assert with all the authority that can be commanded is that our NGO has been holding RTI sessions for countless law students who intern with us for a month at a stretch since the past two decades.

The RTI activist and former Central RTI Commissioner, Shailesh Gandhi, has been our collaborator for many years. He visits us regularly to address these young students.

We do not seek publicity. Our work should speak for the efforts we put in year round. RTI is only one of our interests. Two other projects stand out – Kuchh Aur with school children, where good values are imbibed at a young age, and YFG (Youth for Governance) with some twenty odd colleges where we interact through the NSS of Bombay University.

Much was achieved in this Quarter, both by Kuchh Aur and by the YFG. The Road Safety initiative that PCGT has begun with funds provided by the Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL) under its CSR scheme

has touched the lives of countless students. Many of them who rode motor cycles to college now follow the traffic rules more rigidly, stopping at the traffic lights till RED turns to GREEN.

The Traffic Awareness Project was started in conjunction with the City's Traffic Police. Retired Police Sub Inspectors, three of them, and one serving officer, are our designated lecturers who speak to the young collegians on dates fixed by our staff who are in touch with the college administration. The lectures by these experts are much appreciated, not only by the NSS volunteers but their other college mates who willingly participate.

PCGT, in collaboration with ECA–APER (Early Childhood Association–Association for Primary Education & Research), led by President Dr. Swati Popat Vats, launched a Road Safety Awareness Campaign across schools. This campaign includes : two engaging books — “Ideas for Happy Roads” and “Sunny – The School Bus”, a pledge for students, a puppet video, and badge and sticker designs about road safety, to instill safe road habits among children from an early age. This collaborative effort between PCGT and ECA–APER aims to empower young minds to become conscious, considerate, and responsible citizens who value safety and discipline on the roads.

A similar attempt at educating college and school students to bother about the safety of women and children is in progress. The Police Commissioner Mr. Deven Bharati, is in the process of tasking selected Women Police officers to train our staff and through PCGT, train volunteering NSS students to speak to children and the teaching staff, in schools, and sometimes parents also on basic rules of safety about which all should

be aware of. This project has been funded by the Hindustan Pencils Co. to whom we are grateful.

A notable event in this Quarter was the presence of Retd. Justice Mrs. Sujata Manohar, formerly of the Supreme Court, at our Annual MYP (Model Youth Parliament) function organized by our Consultant, Advocate Shivam Jain Kakadia, this year at the SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Vile Parle, on 24th August, 2025. More than 300 students from across the country participated.

This annual event is one of the essential components of our work. The Organizing Committee is changed every year, giving all our aspiring youth leaders a chance to test their own skills and capabilities while organizing the event. They learn to take charge, acquire confidence and work as a team. It takes a lot of time and concentration to organize an event as big as the MYP but every year our performance improves under the guidance of Shivam. Thank you, Shivam.

Shivam is, incidentally, a natural leader of men who not long ago interned with us. It was he who conceptualized the induction of Campus Ambassadors in every college affiliated to PCGT's projects. These CAs organize guest lectures in their respective colleges and ensure that students are guided on correct paths.

Our chairman, Mr. D. Sivanandhan, released his book “The Brahmasutra Unleashed” on 12th September, at the C. K. Nayudu Hall of the CCI (Cricket Club of India). We at the PCGT are proud of our Chairman for ending the rule of gang lords in our city when he was the Police Commissioner around the end of the last century.

– Julio Ribeiro

KUCHH AUR

Discovering through Reflection, Expression and Action

Kuchh Aur is not just a program, it is a journey into the heart of values, a spark that awakens the power within every child and community it touches. In a world rushing towards technology and competition, Kuchh Aur gently reminds us that true progress lies in character, compassion and consciousness.

Over the past months, we have worked hand-in-hand with schools and communities, creating spaces where children could reflect, question, dream, and act with purpose.

Through interactive sessions, value-based activities, and dialogues, Kuchh Aur nurtured confidence, built empathy and inspired students to lead with integrity.

Session Topics Explored

Each session was carefully designed to integrate reflection, expression and action. Students explored

Knowing Yourself, where they identified their strengths, passions and aspirations, nurturing self-awareness and confidence. The session on **Relationship** encouraged children to understand empathy, trust and the importance of positive interactions with peers and family.

During sessions on **Peace**, students engaged in activities that promoted mindfulness, conflict resolution and inner calm. **Respect** emphasized valuing oneself and others, while **Values for Leadership** focused on ethical decision-making, responsibility and courage. Sessions on **Child Rights** helped students understand their responsibilities and entitlements in everyday life.

My Dream India invited children to envision and articulate their hopes for a peaceful, inclusive and sustainable nation and **Importance of Recycling** connected values with environmental



Importance Of Recycling

responsibility, prompting practical actions in schools and communities. Each topic became a living experience, where students expressed, reflected and committed to small but powerful changes.

Schools & Communities Reached

Kuchh Aur partnered with diverse institutions, reaching children from multiple age groups and backgrounds:

- Pragnya Bodhini High School
- Purushottam High School
- Anjuman-I-Islam Dr MIJ Girls High School & Junior College
- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Vividhlakshi Vidyalaya
- Janjagruti Vidyarathi Sangh
- Children of the World (India) Trust

Through these collaborations, Kuchh Aur engaged over 3,000 students in this Quarter, creating inclusive environments that nurtured reflection, dialogue and action.



Session on MY DREAM INDIA

Voices of Change

- “I never thought about my dreams for India, but now I feel I can contribute in my own small way.”
– Student, Janjagruti Vidyarathi Sangh (Community)
- “Respect and peace are not just words; we realized they are practices we can live every day.”
– Student, Anjuman-I-Islam Dr MIJ Girls High School
- “The recycling initiative made us realize that small actions can have a big impact on the environment and our community.”
– Students, Children of the World (India) Trust



Quiet Time



Session on KNOWING YOURSELF

KUCHH AUR

Multifaith Prayer

Kuchh Aur promotes spiritual inclusivity and communal harmony through Multifaith Prayer, bringing children from different religions and backgrounds together. These sessions teach students to respect diverse beliefs while reflecting on universal values like compassion, gratitude and harmony. By participating in shared prayers and reflections, children develop empathy and a sense of global citizenship.



Multifaith Prayer by SVPVV and PHS

Students from **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Vividhlokshi Vidyalyaya (SVPVV)**, **Purushottam High School (PHS)**, and staff of **PCGT** also took part in the **150th Sind Brahma Samaj Utsav at Kamla High School** celebrating diversity, communal harmony and common human values as the foundation of community living.

Students Visit Maharashtra Nature Park

As part of experiential learning, students from Pragnya Bodhini High School and Anjuman-I-Islam Dr. MIJ Girls High School & Junior College visited the Maharashtra Nature Park, where respect for environment, conservation and sustainability were brought to life. Children actively participated in observing local flora and fauna, understanding ecosystems, and learning about the importance of preserving natural habitats. The visit inspired hands-on environmental actions such as clean-up activities, tree planting, and recycling initiatives. By connecting theory with real-world experience, the Nature Park visit strengthened the students' sense of responsibility toward the environment and instilled a lasting love for nature.



Kuchh Aur is not just about sessions, it is about building small moments that stay with children, teachers and communities. The journey so far has shown us that when reflection meets action, change begins quietly but meaningfully. As we look ahead, our hope is to keep creating these moments, where values turn into everyday practice and every child feels the strength to dream, express and lead with kindness.

Visit To Rajgurunagar



From September 4-6, 2025, Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) partnered with Bombay Mothers and Children Welfare Society (BMCWS) to organize a comprehensive three-day exposure visit to Rajgurunagar, Pune, engaging 15 children from Janjagruti Vidyarthi Sangh in educational and community development activities. The program included interactive sessions at multiple schools where children participated in sessions on good habits versus bad habits using creative visualization techniques, road safety awareness with traffic signal activities, and debates on social media usage with poster-making exercises. A major highlight was the environmental action component featuring a tree plantation rally and inauguration of the village's first Miyawaki forest, supported by JSW Foundation, where children created "Save Trees" posters and actively participated in the plantation drive alongside students, panchayat members and villagers.

The visit concluded with an institutional learning experience at the BMCWS Centre, established in 1919, where children toured the hospital, skills center, and witnessed practical demonstrations including sanitary pad manufacturing while learning about the organization's integrated approach covering education (400+ schools with digital classrooms), health (medical camps across 92 villages), skills development (vocational training programs), and agriculture (sustainable farming and vermicomposting). Through structured reflection sessions on the final day, children shared insights and discussed implementing their learnings in daily life.

YOUTH FOR GOVERNANCE

ROAD SAFETY

COLLABORATIONS WITH COLLEGES AND AWARENESS SESSIONS

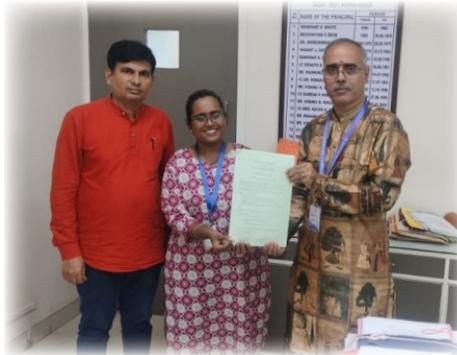
As part of our ongoing efforts to promote road safety, we successfully collaborated with the NSS units of 20 colleges to engage students in meaningful awareness initiatives.

In the month of August, a total of nine Road Safety Awareness Sessions were conducted, reaching over 522 students. The sessions were led by committed retired police officers Dr. Rohidas Dugar, Mr. Vinod Vichare, and Mr. Jagdish Paradkar who shared their valuable insights and real-life experiences on the importance of road safety.

Adding to the impact, students from Pragati College took a pledge to follow road rules and act as responsible citizens, reinforcing the message of safety and accountability on our roads.



*Road Safety Awareness Sessions
from 09th - 19th September 2025 - Around 522 Students participated*



MoU Signing with colleges on our Road Safety Awareness Project 2025-2026



THE DIDI PROJECT : STRENGTHENING TIES WITH THANE POLICE

A meeting with Shri Ashutosh Dumbare (Commissioner of Thane Police), and Dr. Panjabrao Ugale (Add. Commissioner of Thane Police), reviewed the Didi Project's objectives and explored collaboration opportunities. Both officers supported the initiative, noting its potential for student engagement and community impact.

Shri Dumbare Sir suggested involving students from the existing Police Mitra program to enhance outreach. The project proposal was appreciated, with Senior Inspector Chetana Choudhary appointed as the key coordinator. The team reconvened on 20th August 2025 to finalize the project structure in Thane.

INTERNSHIP

The July 2025 internship program carried forward the momentum with a blend of classroom learning, online interactions, and extensive field exposure. Interns were introduced to the PCGT verticals of Kuchh Aur, YFG, and RTI, in which they also got to know about Model Youth Parliament and Road Safety.

This programme led by impactful RTI and RTS sessions conducted by Mr. D. S. Ranga Rao, was further enriched by insights from mentors such as Mr. J. F. Ribeiro, Mr. Vedant Mainkar, Adv. Shivam Jain Kakadia,

and Adv. Mrs. Abha Singh. With reflections from Mrs. Rekha Shahani's *Kuchh Aur* program and closing inspiration from Ms. Ana Saldanha to reflect on their drive to serve society, the interns concluded the program as socially conscious individuals ready to contribute as PCGT Campus Ambassadors and as Good Citizens.

Interns contributed to the *Kuchh Aur* initiative through school and community visits, engaging children on social awareness and civic responsibility. Through their efforts, students understood their

role in shaping society; respect for all voices, learning to listen and value everyone's perspective; solidarity and unity in diversity, discovering the strength of collaboration across differences; the role of a citizen to promote good governance, connecting with principles of accountability and ethical leadership; and dream to lead, inspiring them to imagine themselves as future change-makers. The sessions were interactive and engaging, using storytelling, role-play and activities to make learning practical and meaningful.

INTERNSHIP

Students became more aware of their responsibilities, showed greater empathy and felt inspired to contribute positively to their communities. Some Insightful sessions were conducted by **Mrs. Rekha Shahani**, where interns explored the significance of life experiences, the power of quiet time, and the transformative practice of **CCD – Connection, Correction and Direction**.

Through her personal stories and thoughtful guidance, interns were encouraged to pause, reflect on their inner values, recognize areas for growth, and take intentional steps toward meaningful action. **Connection** emphasized building authentic relationships with oneself and others, **Correction** guided them to identify and mindfully improve gaps and **Direction** focused on channelling learning into purposeful engagement.

The sessions also emphasized the value of **communal harmony**, encouraging interns to look beyond differences and embrace unity in diversity. They realized that true leadership comes from respecting all voices and nurturing inclusivity.

This perspective not only broadened their understanding of society but also strengthened the ability to work with empathy, patience and openness in diverse communities.



Interns Sharing Drawings on Religious Harmony

Additionally, Mr. Sanjoy Chanda, President of Delhi Brahma Samaj and a former professional in the petroleum sector, met the interns and shared insights from his personal and professional journey. Drawing from his enriching experiences of working across different parts of India, Sudan, Afghanistan and various regions of Africa, he offered deep perspectives on global challenges, resilience and personal growth.

His stories inspired the interns to appreciate the importance of vision, values-driven action and purposeful leadership in contributing meaningfully to society. The session proved highly engaging, with interns interacting enthusiastically and leaving with reinforced principles of self-awareness, leadership and social responsibility.



Interns with Mr. Sanjoy Chanda

Field visits to Roti Bank and Community Centres highlighted grassroots solutions to hunger and welfare. Under the YFG initiative, students visited police stations, the Anti-Narcotics Cell, Cyber Crime Cell, and the Right to Service Office at Mantralaya, gaining practical insights into governance and enforcement.



INTERNS SHARE

- This internship has been an incredibly enriching experience. Beyond gaining knowledge, I'm walking away with meaningful moments, valuable insights, and a heart full of gratitude. It has helped me grow in confidence, develop courage, and gain clarity in my goals. Most importantly, it has reinforced my belief that even small voices, when used wisely, can make a significant impact. I'm truly thankful for this opportunity.

- Sakshee Tiwari,
KES Shri Jayantilal H. Patel
Law College

- This has been an amazing and truly valuable experience—one that will stay with me throughout my life. The lessons I've learned and the growth I've experienced during this internship will

continue to shape my personal and professional journey for years to come.

- Vedika Singh,
Symbiosis Law School, Pune

- The PCGT internship was a valuable experience, offering legal exposure of RTI, ethical insights, hands on learning, mentorship, and a deeper understanding of public interest laws like (RTI & RTS).

- Rohit Pasi,
Thakur Ramnarayan College of Law

- My internship at PCGT was a highly rewarding experience, deepening my understanding of social issues, governance, and civic engagement. Through interactive sessions, research, and committee simulations, I

honed my critical thinking, public speaking, and teamwork skills. Engaging with experts and real-world challenges inspired me and strengthened my commitment to social change and ethical leadership.

- Amrita Morwale,
Jasudben ML School

- My internship with PCGT was highly enriching. I gained hands-on experience in governance, transparency, and citizen engagement, and developed skills in research and problem-solving. The RTI and leadership sessions were particularly insightful, making this a truly valuable learning experience.

- Saraswati Kahar,
KES Shri Jayantilal Patel Law College

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LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

PCGT Model Youth Parliament 2025

The mock committees simulated and agendas discussed in each committee were as follows:

- Lok Sabha : Evaluating the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill, 2023 : Balancing Freedom, Compliance and Innovation.
- Rajya Sabha : Advancing Railways : A path to Structural and Operational Reforms under the Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
- Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (MLA) : Addressing the surge of communal violence in Maharashtra with special emphasis on strengthening law enforcement and fostering communal harmony in the state.
- All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM) : Addressing the impact of Freebies on India's Fiscal Health and Economic Stability.

- NITI Aayog (School Committee) : Fostering Inclusive sustainable development : Assessing the role of Gender, Culture, and youth in advancing the Social dimensions of India's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) : Introducing programs to strengthen national cooperation in combating the Drug Trade and improve public health services to address drug addiction and prevent substance abuse.

- Press : Journalism and Photography.

The winners of all college committees received cash prizes along with an opportunity to intern with PCGT for one month so as to broaden their perspective about good governance. The MYP therefore served as an ideal platform for students to understand the legislative process and functioning of the Parliament as well as to analyze and further research upon the issues that are current and relevant from a socio-legal perspective.



LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

Sessions on Ethics in Legal Profession

The following sessions on “Ethics in Legal Profession” were organized by the Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) in offline / online mode as a part of Leadership Projects under the Youth for Governance (YFG) vertical, and each one of them was attended by more than 50 students:

Topic of the Session	Institution	Speaker	Date and Mode of Conduct
Ethics in Legal Profession and Bar Council Rules	SNDT Women's University School of Law, Juhu	Adv. Kamini Ahuja (Solicitor)	24th September, 2025 Online Mode
Ethics in Legal Profession and Client Counseling	NMIMS School of Law, Navi Mumbai	Adv. Shivam Jain Kakadia	30th September 2025 - Physical Mode

Training Sessions for PCGT Model Youth Parliament

The following training sessions were organized by the Public Concern for Governance Trust (PCGT) in online mode for the participants of PCGT Model Youth Parliament, and each one of them was attended by more than 30 students:

Committee	Agenda	Executive Board Members (Speakers of Session)	Training Session Date and Time
Lok Sabha	Evaluating the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill, 2023: Balancing Freedom, Compliance and Innovation.	Speaker - Prof. Chinmay Bendre Deputy Speaker - Ms. Rhea Khanolkar	17th August 2025 - 7 pm to 8 pm
Rajya Sabha	A path to Structural and Operational Reforms under the Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	Chairman - Adv. Dharmil Doshi Deputy Chairman - Adv. Yugant Rane	17th August 2025 - 8 pm to 9 pm
Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (MLA)	Addressing the surge of communal violence in Maharashtra with special emphasis on strengthening law enforcement and fostering communal harmony in the state.	Speaker - Adv. Jatin Shah Deputy Speaker - Mr. Suraj Tondale	17th August 2025 - 7 pm to 8 pm
All India Political Parties Meet (AIPPM)	Addressing the impact of Freebies on India's Fiscal Health and Economic Stability.	Moderator - Adv. Devak Bhardwaj Deputy Moderator - Mr. Sanket Gaikwad	16th August 2025 - 7 pm to 8 pm
Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)	Introducing programs to strengthen national cooperation in combating the Drug Trade and improving public health services to address drug addiction and prevent substance abuse.	Chairperson - Adv. Rangan Majumdar Vice Chairperson - Mr. Anas Dhorajiwala	17th August 2025 - 7 pm to 8 pm
NITI Aayog (School Committee)	Fostering Inclusive sustainable development: Assessing the role of Gender, Culture, and youth in advancing the Social dimensions of India's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	Co-Chairperson - Ms. Bianca Chettiar Co-Chairperson - Adv. Tanay Musale	17th August 2025 - 9 pm to 10 pm
Press	Journalism and Photography.	Chief of Press - Mr. Sriyansh Mohanty Deputy Chief of Press - Mr. Veer Shah.	17th August 2025 - 8 pm to 9 pm



Training Session for the Niti Aayog Committee
on 17.08.25



Training Session for the Rajya Sabha
Committee on 17.08.25



Training Session for Lok Sabha on 17.08.25

LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

PCGT-MNLU National Essay Writing Competition

PCGT in collaboration with Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai organized the National Essay Writing Competition, 2025, on the theme "Citizens First: Depolitization of Development and Political Accountability". With over 360 registrations from students across the country, this year's edition witnessed remarkable participation and showcased the immense talent and diversity of thought among writers. The evaluation process was conducted through a double blind peer review system to ensure the highest standards of fairness, transparency, and academic rigor. Adv. Arjun Kadam and Adv. Shivam Jain Kakadia were among the evaluators of the essays. The winners of the competition

received certificates of merit and internship opportunity at PCGT. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), Manupatra, and LiveLaw, for their invaluable collaboration in making this edition a success.

Top 10 Essays:

1. **Dimitri Mallik** (Indian Institute of Governance and Leadership)
2. **Priyanshi Kothari** (National Law School of India University, Bengaluru)
3. **Pranav Goel & Aanya Agarwal** (National Law Institute University, Bhopal)

4. **S Krishnatara** (National University of Advanced Legal Studies)
5. **Akshat Joshi** (Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab)
6. **Suha Shaikh** (Pravin Gandhi College of Law)
7. **Saubhagya Rathi** (Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies)
8. **Ritik Raj** (Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab)
9. **Aparna Patnaik & Ridhay Panjwani** (BITS Law School, Mumbai)
10. **Joann Elen Joe & Jerusha Bobby Koothur** (CHRIST [Deemed to be University])

Orientation and Induction Programme for PCGT CAs, LAs and CSA

PCGT organized Orientation and Induction Programme for PCGT Lead Ambassadors (LAs), Campus Ambassadors (CAs) and Chief Student Ambassador (CSA) for the year 2025-26 on 3rd September 2025 at PCGT office. In total, PCGT has inducted five LAs, one CSA and more than 30 CAs for the year 2025-26, and they will take lead in organizing several events and projects for PCGT in their respective institutions and beyond.

The welcome address was delivered by Ms. Sarah Preira (Programme Manager - YFG), who gave a background about PCGT and its verticals to the CSA, CAs and LAs. This was followed by an

address by Mrs. Ana Saldanha (Trustee Incharge - YFG), who explained the importance of CAs and LAs in strengthening the Youth for Governace programme and also in taking forward the mission of good governace. Thereafter, the new CSA, LAs and CAs introduced themselves. Adv. Shivam Jain Kakadia delivered the Orientation for CSA, CAs and LAs, explaining the roles and responsibilities to them in detail. He also addressed their queries and doubts regarding the programme and their respective mandate.

The concluding remarks were delivered by Mrs. Ana Saldanha who appreciated the work done by PCGT CAs and LAs

in the past and encouraged the newly inducted CAs and LAs to carry forward the mission and values endorsed by PCGT. She also presented the Best CA and LA Awards for the year 2023-24 – Mr. Lekh Trivedi (St. Andrew's College) and Ms. Gungun Agrawal (SVKM's Pravin Gandhi College of Law) jointly won the Best LA Award while Ms. Vibha Meshram (Adv. Balasaheb Apte College of Law) and Ms. Kimaya Desai (Thakur Ramnarayan College of Law) were the joint recipients of the Best CA Award 2024-25. Mr. Vedant Mainkar was feliciated for succesfully completing his tenure as the first PCGT Chief Student Ambassador, for the year 2024-25.



Orientation and Induction Meeting of PCGT CAs, LAs and CSA 03.09.25

LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

International Policy Drafting & Presentation Competition 2025

PCGT in collaboration with Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai (MNLU Mumbai) and Yuvak Biradari (Bharat) and in association with the Pro Bono Club & Centre for Applied Research in Public Health Law, organized the International Policy Drafting & Presentation Competition 2025 on 13th and 14th September 2025. This competition provided students with a platform to engage in policy formulation on crucial societal issues affecting good governance. Participants were required to draft comprehensive policy frameworks aligned with the given themes and present their ideas before a distinguished panel of academicians, policymakers, and legal experts. The speakers at the event included Hon'ble Dr. Justice Kaushal Jayendra Thaker (Chairperson, Gujarat State Human Rights Commission), Ms. Swati Deshpande (Senior Editor, Times of India), Prof. Kishu Daswani (Senior

Professor, Government Law College) and Adv. Mithil Sampat (Advocate, Bombay High Court). Themes of the Competition are given below:

1. "Transforming Rural India : Sustainable Development Strategies"
2. "Bridging the Employment Gap : Policy Solutions for Job Creation"

3. "Balancing Power : Rethinking Centre-State Relations"
4. "Reinforcing Institutional Integrity : Appointments & Autonomy of Regulatory Bodies & Judicial Autonomy"
5. "Universal Health Access : Bridging Urban-Rural Healthcare Disparities"



Group Photo with Hon'ble Dr. Justice Kaushal Jayendra Thaker (Chairperson, Gujarat State Human Rights Commission)



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